

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 875

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Harry Brooks for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Harry Brooks of Knoxville is one such distinguished public servant, who has served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, Harry Brooks has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of Knox County as a member of the 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, and 110th General Assemblies representing House District 19; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Maryville High School, Harry Brooks completed his undergraduate studies in speech and communication at Carson Newman College and then went on to attend the University of Tennessee, Knoxville for his graduate work; he has worked in law enforcement and as a business employer; and

WHEREAS, Representative Brooks is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Knox County, having served with distinction as a member of the Knox County School Board (1992-1996), Knox County Retirement and Pension Board (1987-1995), North East Knox Preservation Association, East Knox Business and Professional Association, Knoxville Civitan, Powell Business and Professional Association, Knox County Republican

Clubs, Advisory Board for the Millertown Group Home, and Knoxville Chamber of Commerce;
and

WHEREAS, he has also held membership with Carson Newman University's Board of Trustees, the American Society for Industrial Security, United Way Allocations, Gideon's International, the National Rifle Association, Hall's Business and Professional Association, and the Selective Service Board, and he has served Union Baptist Church as a Deacon Board member and Sunday School teacher; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during his time in the General Assembly, Representative Brooks has rendered sterling service as a member of the House Local Government Committee, House K-12 Subcommittee, Joint Business Tax Committee, House Education Committee, House State and Local Government Committee, Joint Local Government Committee, Joint Select Committee on Children and Youth, House Rules Committee, House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, Joint Fiscal Review Committee, Joint Lottery Oversight Committee, Joint Education Oversight Committee, House Higher Education Subcommittee, House Calendar and Rules Committee, House General Subcommittee of Education, House General Subcommittee of Children and Family Affairs, House Education Subcommittee, House Education Administration and Planning Subcommittee, House Education Administration and Planning Committee, and House Education Instruction and Programs Committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Brooks also served with distinction as Assistant Minority Leader during the 105th General Assembly, Vice Chair of the House Government Operations Committee during the 104th General Assembly, Chair of the House Children and Family Affairs Committee during the 107th General Assembly, Chair of the House Education Committee during the 108th General Assembly, and Chair of the House Education Administration and Planning Committee during the 109th and 110th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Representative Brooks has been honored with the 2015 Harold Bradley Legislative Leadership Award by the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association, the 2014 Legislative Leadership Award by

the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents, the 2012 Golden Apple Award by the Tennessee Chapter of the National Coalition for Public School Options, the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award by Maryville City Schools, the 2011 Friend of Foreign Service from the Republic of Taiwan, the 2008 Sigrid Stewart Legislator of the Year Award by the Tennessee Parent-Teacher Association, the 2004 Legislator of the Year Award by the Knoxville Firefighters, and the Legislative Award from ARC; and

WHEREAS, Representative Brooks is a family man and civic leader, and he has proven that citizens can make a difference through being involved in community service and leading by example; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Harry Brooks has worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, Representative Harry Brooks is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized for his exemplary tenure in this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Harry Brooks for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of Knox County, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.